



Village Voice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

October 2015



Welcome to October, this Month includes.....

October

3 rd	Village Market & Cafe
5 th	Parish Council Meeting
6 th	LW Historical Society Talk in Standlake
7 th	Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning
9 th	Drama Group Special General Meeting
10 th	FOSHS Jumble Sale
11 th	Messy Church / Taize Service
13 th	Tuesday Girls
16 th	Eynsham Rotary Club Race Night
24 th	Open Mic & Social Night
31 st	FOSHS Spooktacular Halloween Disco



November

7 th	Village Market & Cafe
8 th	Remembrance Sunday
11 th	Armistice Day



FOSHS Autumn Jumble Sale

**Saturday 10th October, 2-4pm,
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall**

Lots of nearly new toys, clothes, books, housewares, plus refreshments...come and grab yourself a bargain and catch up with friends over a cuppa and cake. Jumble donations also welcome at the hall from 12pm on the day.

Friends of Stanton Harcourt School (FOSHS) is the village school's fundraising charity, registered charity no. 1061604. Please come along and support us!



Stanton Harcourt Open Mic & Social Night

If you play an instrument or can sing and would like to perform in an informal atmosphere with like-minded musical folk, bring your voices and instruments and meet in the committee room at the Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Saturday 24th October 7.30 p.m.- 11.00 p.m.

If you have your sheet music the house band led by Lizzie Snoden, Sutton Singers Choir leader will endeavor to accompany you

Bring your friends and fans and your own refreshments as there is no bar

Or if you would just like to be the Audience and soak up the vibes you are also very welcome.

A small charge of £3.00 per person is requested for the hire of the village Hall

Don't be shy, see you there!

FOSHS spooktacular hallowe'en disco!!



**Saturday 31st October, 4.30 – 6.30pm,
Stanton Harcourt Village Hall**

Come along and shake your bones to some sinister sounds!

Sink your famished fangs into a hot dog!!

Prizes for best fancy dress outfit and best pumpkin lantern.

Children of all ages (1-100) welcome!

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Stig Becoming Homeless?

Oxfordshire County Councils consultations on the future of Oxfordshire's Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC((Tips))) will end on the 5th October (started in August – apparently!) Current plans may see Dix Pit HWRC close by 2018, making Drayton the nearest tip, although they haven't made their minds up yet! For more information see the link on the District Councils website:
www.westoxon.gov.uk

STANTON HARCOURT DRAMA GROUP

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 9th October 7 pm At Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Following the amazing summer production we are looking forward for new members to take this group into the future. There are many exciting opportunities for fun with theatre and drama. Panto, summer fun and beyond.

If you can help this happen please come along and join the fun. This can only continue with your help.

If you enjoy the fun of panto, or would like to see your child grow with confidence as they take on a part, or you just don't want to see a familiar village organisation bite the dust then come along and make it happen.

We need carpenters, painters, handy(wo)men, directors, chairpersons, actors, makeup artists, helpers, prompts, and much more. If you don't fancy the stage come backstage - there is plenty to do there.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

For further information please contact Jan on 01865 881709 or email: janandpaultomlinson@gmail.com

At 8pm we will retire to Okeford, Sutton Lane for a celebration of the success of Reduced Shakespeare Company production in June. Bring a bottle and a plate of food to share.

St Michael's Church 200 Club

October draw

1st 157 P Gullis	3rd 189 E Floyd
2nd 263 P Roberts	4th 250 P Craddock

A single Key found at the Jubilee Field, on 13 September, remains unclaimed at The Fox.

It will be disposed of if not claimed by 13 September 2020!

The Flower & Produce Show

Anyone driving through the village on Sunday 27th September might have been somewhat perplexed by the sight of people wheeling large marrows, dragging enormously long uprooted nettles, carrying cakes with extreme caution, and tottering behind enormous flower arrangements – all moving in the direction of the Village Hall. Entries for the revived Flower and Produce Show flowed in all morning – with 108 people submitting objects they had cultivated, picked, arranged, found, baked, painted, sewn, written or knitted.

The event was a great success – the quantity and quality of entries surpassed all

expectations and the Village Hall was packed for the

announcement of the results in the afternoon. A reminder of what village life is all about!

A fuller report with results will appear in next month's Village Voice but we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who put in time and energy to help on the day, all the talented adults and children who submitted entries, and to everyone who came along for tea and cake.

It would be wonderful to make this an annual event. If you feel inspired to get involved with the planning, preparation and judging and are interested in being part of a Produce Show Committee, please let me know.

Sandy Rich, Tel 01865 881943, sandy@rtinurance.co.uk

Message from the Eynsham Neighbourhood Police Team

As we approach the change in season we would like to remind residents to "Be Safe Be Seen" Sandra and Helen have been Back to School to talk to children about the importance of being seen in the darker evenings. Whether walking, on cycle or on scooter we would like people to consider if they can be seen by others. The pupils of Stanton Harcourt School have taken part in the Egg Helmet Challenge to show the importance of wearing a cycle helmet.

In addition to being seen outside the darker evenings can also put homes at increased risk of burglary. If no light is on in your home, curtains are not drawn and no car is in the drive it is an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that nobody is at home. There are several measures that can be taken which can reduce the chance of your home becoming a target.

- Use a timer switch - this could be used on a lamp, radio or TV to give the impression that someone is home.
- Keep Valuables out of sight
- Lock your doors and windows. If you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it.
- Use a Property Marking Scheme (UV Marker Pen or similar – if you would like one please contact the team)

and register your valuable items
on www.immobilise.com (its free)

The team are holding a Bike and Tool Marking Event on Saturday 3rd October 2015 in The Square, Eynsham from 10am – noon where we will be able to provide property marking and security advice for you.

Should you wish to speak to a member of the team or have us visit you then please contact us using 101.

Tuesday Girls (TGs)

A big thank you to Liz for giving us such a fun evening at our September meeting. We all enjoyed her cookery demonstration but enjoyed sampling the wonderful results even more, especially her famous scones. We also had great fun trying to decide the unusual ingredients in her cakes. How could we not tell that the absolutely scrummy chocolate cake had mayo in it !!!!! Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Our local PCSO's will be coming along to give us some tips and advice about keeping ourselves and our properties safe and sound. If you have any concerns about community or personal safety matters then please come along and put your questions to them. As usual cost is £3 including cuppa and raffle and for further info call Kay on 883590

Change of venue for the Knitting Circle

The village Knitters have outgrown their meeting place and from October 12th are moving to the Methodist Chapel in Sutton. We will still be meeting at the same time -10.30-12.30 on Monday mornings- and anyone is welcome to drop in for as long as they like. Tea and coffee are provided.

So, why not come along and join us ? Bring whatever craft you are doing, be it knitting, sewing, embroidery or just come for a chat and a catch up.

We would love to see you.

Rubbish Bomb!

A reminder – don't put electrical waste (WEEE) in household dustbins, after a laptop caused a bin lorry to catch fire elsewhere in Oxfordshire due to the lithium batteries exploding in the crusher.

Remember, rechargeable batteries and electronics may have toxic materials in (batteries may have lithium or cadmium – yuk and microchips may have arsenic and germanium - nasty), if these end up in landfill they may end up in groundwater too.

Don't Poison a Womble
Dispose of Waste Correctly!

Rotary Club of Eynsham

The annual Charity Race Night will be held on Friday 16th October in the Bartholomew School Hall, Eynsham. Tickets will be available late September - £10 including meal. Doors open 7.30pm. A good opportunity to help raise funds for local and Rotary charities.

Contact for tickets and general information: Alan Longford 01865 464179

"Thank you!!"

On behalf of the Festival Committee I would like to thank the whole Village for a magnificent Festival week. The open event's throughout the week were supported fabulously.

Hundreds of burgers and sausages were turned over charcoals, The clinking of beer, Pimm's and wine glasses could be heard far afield.

Jam Tarts and Cream Teas for the sweet tooth, and even a Classic car or two could be seen.

There was a brilliant turnout on Festival Day despite the weather forecast looking bleak.

But it held for us until the Tug o War started. This did not deter some people though.

We hope that you all enjoyed the week, as much as we the committee did. It makes all the months of hard work, planning and preparation worthwhile.

Our meetings are relaxed and informal, so, If you would like to join the committee, please drop me an email on jowilby@hotmail.co.uk

We will start planning next year's Festival from October onwards. Jo

Village Market & Cafe

3rd October, 7th November

12 -2pm Free entry – All welcome.

Come for lunch or coffee and see what our fabulous stallholders have for sale this month. *New stall holders always welcome.*

Email jo@marketing-sense.co.uk.



Village Hall Post Office & Shop

Shop opening times:

Tues & Thurs: 7am-12.30pm, Mon, Wed & Fri: 7am-12noon

Saturdays: 8am-12.30pm, Sundays: 8am-12noon

Post Office service:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: 9am-12.30pm

www.stantonharcourtvillehall.co.uk

Village Hall broadband connection:

The Village Hall is very lucky to have a high speed broadband connection, installed by Gigaclear. This is available for any village hall users to log into and use free of charge. We are grateful that Sheehans sponsored the first year subscriptions for the hall, but are now at the end of that period.

We are looking for new sponsors currently so that we can continue to provide this service to hall users. The monthly charge is just under £39. Two or three sponsors have already expressed willingness to help, so it would be great if we could get that number up to 12 so that we have a 'sponsor of the month' each paying one monthly instalment.

If you, or your company, would like to take part in the sponsorship of this local amenity, please contact Jane Eagle to express interest:

jane1.goldenbridge@gmail.com or 01865880736

New baby swimming classes in Standlake.

Wednesdays 11-1. Private group classes available. As well as being great fun and brilliant for mental and physical development, baby swimming teaches water confidence and safety skills that can be life-saving. Contact Tina at tina@swimkidz.co.uk or 07904 663814.

School News

Dr Who visited Stanton Harcourt School last week and the children have all been designing time machines to take them forwards into the future or back to the past. The children have had lots of fun planning their adventures, some planned to take Mary Anning who has some fossils back in time to visit the dinosaurs. The ice age was another popular destination. The children are also thinking about what they would put into a time capsule which they hope to bury later on in the term.

In Class One the children have been enjoying the new reading books bought with donations from FOSHS and Sheehans. We hope to thank them for these

kind donations in an assembly soon.

Chloey the dog has started visiting Stanton Harcourt School. the staff and children are all keen to spend some time with her! She enjoyed listening to the Year 1 and 2 children read to her. Some were even brave enough to give her a stroke.



Parish Council News

NEXT PC MEETING: Monday 5th October 7:30pm

School Admissions

Is your child 3 or 4 years old? Primary School Place – you must apply now.

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is 15th January 2016.

Apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions - it's quick, easy and secure.

For help and information:

Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

The Future of the A40 – have your say

Government recently gave OCC £35m to improve the A40. Public exhibitions have taken place in Witney and Oxford, there are still 2 further exhibitions planned for:

Cassington

Friday 9th Oct, 12pm – 7pm, Cassington Village Hall

Eynsham

Saturday 10th Oct, 10:30am – 4pm, Eynsham Village Hall

Find out about possible long-term options for the A40 by visiting at a public exhibition in your area.

For more information, and to make comments, visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/A40

Closing date for comments is Sunday 8th November 2015.

Planting Season is upon us.

The Parish Council welcomes your suggestions for planting in the village, whether it be trees or bulbs, please email your suggestions to the clerk (trudigasser@rocketmail.com)

Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA.

trudigasser@rocketmail.com

Parish Council website:

<http://www.wospweb.com/site/Stanton-Harcourt-Parish-Council>

The Page 4 Bat

This Month we meet Pippa, a Common Pipistrelle Bat, although don't call her common or she may bite you. She weighs less than a £1 coin but can eat 3000 insects in one night, or quite a lot of candy on Halloween!



Witney Music Society 2015 - 2016

The first concert in the new season of concerts will be held on Friday 9 October at Wood Green School, Witney at 7.30pm. Witney-born Martin Jones, who took part in the Music Society's first season in 1965, will make a welcome return with a delightful programme of piano works from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

For further details, ring 01993 702296 or visit our website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

This is the 50th Anniversary Season and we have arranged an exciting programme of concerts to be held over the winter to mark this occasion

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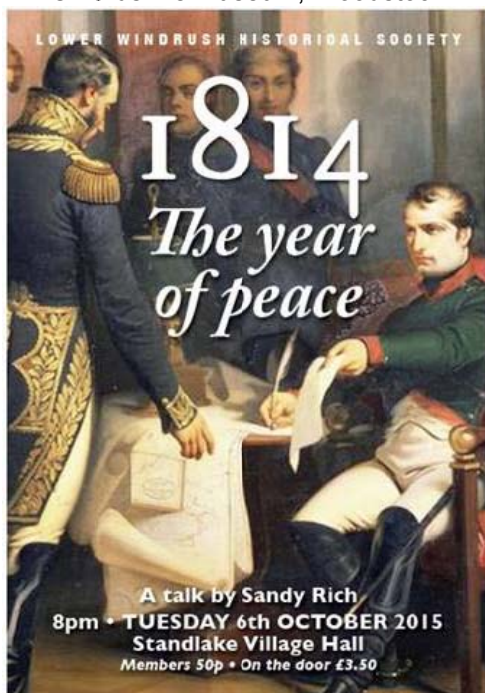
The Oxfordshire Museum Lectures

Saturday 10 October 2:30pm

Sir William Beechey and the British Portrait

www.FriendsOfTom.co.uk

Tickets are £7 and are available in advance from: The Oxfordshire Museum; Woodstock



Royal British Legion

Next Month



Remembrance Sunday 08/11

Armistice Day 11/11

For more information on the RBL please contact the Secretary, Lucy Elphinstone, on 01865 881664.
Stanton Harcourt Branch Code: BR0772

The Catholic Church of St Peter

Abbey Street, Eynsham. The Catholic church for Sutton & Stanton Harcourt

Fr Martin Flatman

☎07719 646790 frmartinflatman@gmail.com

Website: www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

Weekend Services

Sunday Mass 10.00am with a Children's Liturgy

Saturday Mass 7.30pm

Special Events

1st October CAFOD Harvest Feast Day

1st November All Saints Day

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Contact: Rita Stockill ☎ 01865 880200

September

Sunday 4 th 10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 11 th 10am	Rev Paul Weir inc Communion
Sunday 18 th 10am	Mrs Stella Bristow
Sunday 25 th 10am	Local Arrangement

Coffee Morning - 7th October

10.00-11.30 am. All welcome - if anyone would like to come and requires a lift to Chapel and home afterwards, please call 882051.

St Michael's Church

For help or advice on service arrangements contact Rev Drew Tweedy: ☎ 01865 880914 or Church Warden Sandy Rich ☎ 01865 881943, sandy@rtinsurance.co.uk

October

4 th 9:30	Harvest Festival	Stanton Harcourt
11 th 10:30	Benefice Communion	Northmoor
14:00	Messy Church	Standlake
18:00	Taize Service	Stanton Harcourt
18 th 10:30	All Age Worship	Stanton Harcourt
25 th 8:00	Holy Communion BCP	Stanton Harcourt

Deadline for next issue is 20th of the Month
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